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All is bright!

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of their Christmas Lighting and Decorating contest, which was judged last week after a one-week weather delay. The 5Ave home of Elvis Sibal, at left, placed first, many-time-winner Nemesio Tuliao placed second with the display below, and Violet McFadyen *(see Page 7)* placed third.

Vicki Brooker photos

Chamber looking ahead to 2011

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce spent their final meeting of 2010 deep in plans for the coming year, all the way up to the next Christmas Extravaganza.

The Extravaganza committee met the previous week and had some suggestions for the 2011 edition, one of them being that the Town of Elk Point should have a float in the Winter Wonderland Parade. Town manager Myron Goyan said the town has been looking at building a permanent float, but needs a directive from council to do so. The possibility of the Economic Development Committee, the chamber and the town sharing a float was also brought up, but it was acknowledged that the biggest problem with entering a float is the lack of volunteers.

Goyan also noted that the town's decorations are in need of upgrading, and said this could be done by purchasing a few of the costly items each year, as the budget allows. Smith thought the chamber and EDC might be willing to partner on these also.

Playhouse draw postponed

One item missing from the original Extravaganza lineup was the draw for the EcoCentre-styled playhouse. To date, only about 400 tickets have been sold on the structure, valued at $7,500, and the subsidiary cash prizes. The draw date has been extended, for one time only, to July 1, 2011, and must be drawn on that date, regardless of the number of tickets sold by then. Tickets are available at numerous local businesses.

Family Day?

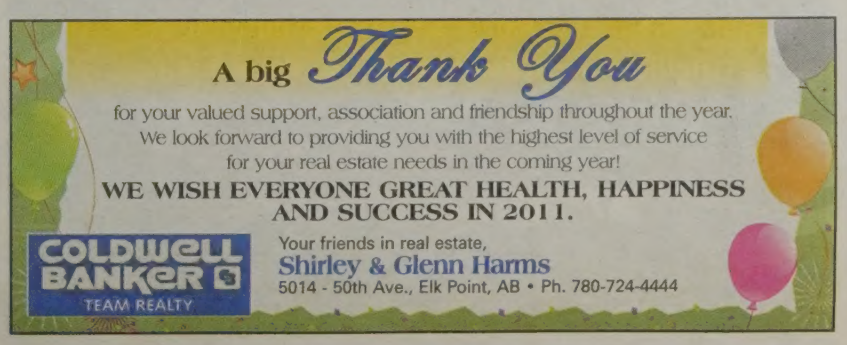
They're waiting to determine the date of the Elk Point Trail Riders annual vintage snowmobile show and shine, which may or may not be on Family Day weekend, but the chamber is hoping to partner on the event, park the playhouse beside its full-sized equivalent and sell tickets there.

Auto Show

The Elk Point Auto Club Show and Shine is slated for June 4, and is another good opportunity for playhouse ticket sales, as well as for much more. Smith has revived her idea of a "tent show" such as is held at the St. Walburg Blueberry Festival, with vendors providing their own tents, and is looking into the possibility of the town waiving the business license requirement for the one-day event. She has obtained a list of perks and challenges encountered by St. Walburg's organizing committee, and will start doing research.

Successful fundraisers

The chamber's two successful fundraisers this past year, the Danny Hooper concert and auction and the sidesplitting Jimmy the Janitor show, netted the chamber close to $11,000, treasurer Geoff Hyslop told the chamber, with members voting to use $10,000 of that amount to pay down the chamber's line of credit.



Bible verse sharers

A class of tiny Sunday School students shared the words of a Bible verse with the audience at the Elk Point Baptist Church concert last Sunday.

Vicki Brooker photo

Links create a chain of love

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

A Christmas tradition for many families includes the making of paper chains as seasonal decorations, and the Elk Point Baptist Church family is no different. At their Dec.19 Sunday School concert, classes from tiny tots to adults put together a Christmas chain as a reminder of the endless love of God that surrounds the season.

Mothers with babies hung the first piece of chain, reading "Child," noting that nothing has the "Oooh! Ahhh! factor" that surrounds a child, the congregation joining in to sing, "What Child is This?"

Tiny angels led the congregation in singing, "Jesus Loves Me" as the next word, "Jesus" was added to the chain.

The audience erupted in giggles as the next group of youngsters turned over their placards with phrases from a Bible verse… and were found to be standing in the reverse order. Once sorted out, they read their verse, the congregation sang "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Him" and a link reading "Son of God" was hooked to the chain.

The next group brought a message from the book of Isaiah, noting, "It is true if it takes 500 years to happen." The link from this group read, "Emmanuel."

Five more students and their teacher took the stage, the students with letters spelling "CHRIST" and a verse for each letter, the link for this section following suit and the teacher noting, "There is no more lovely story to teach a child."

"Light of the World" was the next link, with students reading Bible verses about candles, and the congregation joining in the singing.

"Can you imagine Mary trying to keep the animals in the stable quiet, so her baby could sleep?" Two young ladies pondered this question as "Prince of Peace" joined the chain.

The next class accompanied the hanging of a link reading "Gift" as they spoke with feeling on "the greatest, most perfect gift of love."

A second pair of young ladies discussed the message delivered by the angels that first Christmas night, that the newborn king would be the Savior, this becoming the next link. A group of small musicians played, "Silent Night."

Reluctant shepherds, "twitterpated" and "with other fashion ideas" than the traditional bathrobes and tea towel headgear, heard the story of the Good Shepherd, which would be added to the chain, and declared Him to be "the Great Shepherd."

Three self-described 'wise guys' showed up at the church "to talk about the King, and how it would be to tell King Herod about Him." They noted that the three kings from the Orient "were looking for an earthly royal king. Wonder if they knew who He really was." A tiny pianist played "We Three Kings" as "The King" was added to the chain.

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One of the 'wise guys' added another link to chain.

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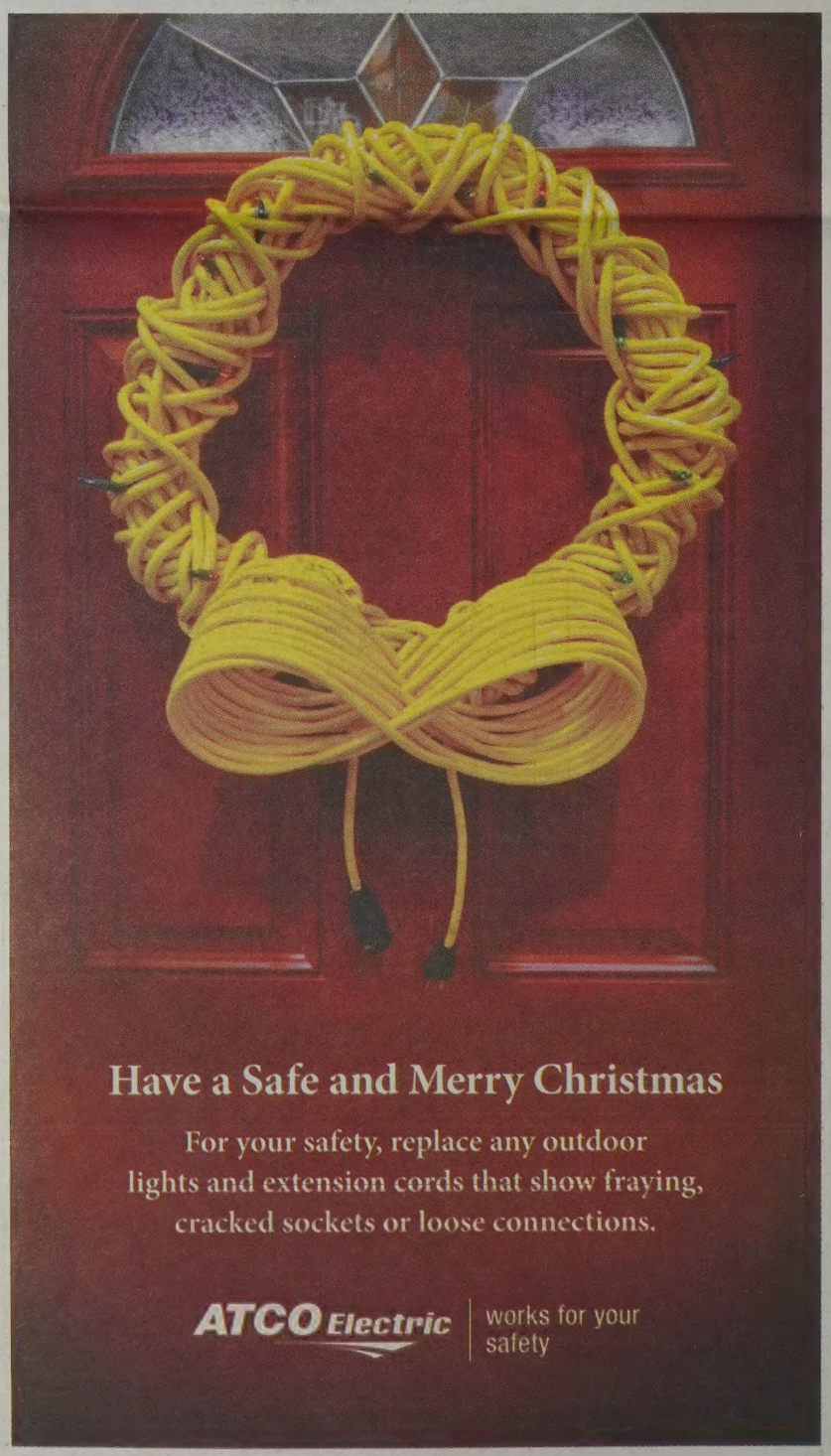

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FGM Christmas brunch

F. G. Miller's Grade 12 students prepared and served turkey and all the trimmings to special guests, staff, bus drivers and fellow students at the brunch.

Vicki Brooker photos

FGM's southern belle, Miss Lilly, presented Guy Genereux and Fran Harder of Victim Services and RCMP Cst. John Spaans with a "mountain of toys" from "so many wonderful people. Some brought huge bags. Thank you for cuddling someone you've never met." Harder assured the crowd the toys "will go to good homes where they're really needed."

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The long and enjoyable tradition of F. G. Miller High School's Grade 12 students and staff serving pre-Christmas brunch to fellow students and special guests continued this year, with Holly Warkentin singing O Canada and principal Colin Bjorkman welcoming representatives of school board, government, RCMP and other special guests.

"I'm not sure how Mrs. Lindquist does it every year," St. Paul Education Regional Division board chair Darrell Younghans said. "She always organizes the Grade 12s into preparing and serving what has always been a great meal. This is one way for the school to thank some of the people who have helped throughout the year, and that is a message I hope all of you students take away from here, It is a group of different people looking out for each other that makes a community. This community has shown time and time again that we support each other, and that should make each and every one of us proud to be part of this community."

As this is their last year at FGM, Younghans reminded the Grade 12s, "Don't forget that sense of community that it ever-present here. We hope that many of you will make this community your home again in the future."

Town Coun. Bernice Capjack brought greetings from the town council, and wished all joy, peace, health and happiness. She thanked the Grade 12s and their support crew for "giving your time to prepare the meal. It is much appreciated."

County Coun. Dwight Dach delivered season's greetings from that council.

RCMP Cst. John Spaans thanked all those who had donated bears and other stuffed animals to Victim Services, and urged everyone to "Have a safe break."

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Mike Czerkawski of FGM's Class of 2010 came forward to present Elk Point Elementary School principal Lorne Young with a portion of the funds the class had left over from their graduation celebration, with the donation earmarked for EPE's Special Education class. The balance of the funds, he said, would go to assist cancer victim Jake Fontaine and his family.

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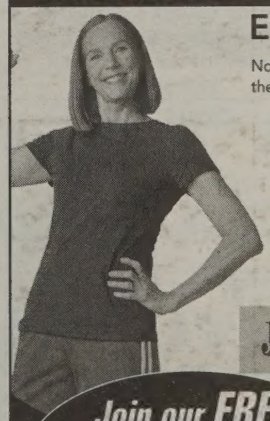

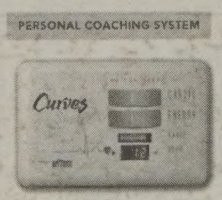

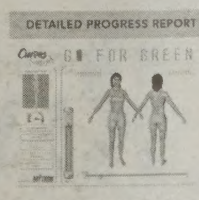

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Editorial

A landmark year

As we come to the end of 2010, Elk Point looks back on a year of tremendous progress.

Northern Lights Library System completed a massive renovation and addition to their headquarters. Elk Point Regional Allied Arts turned a bare and echoing space in their Arts and Leisure Centre into a well-equipped kitchen that greatly enhances the services the facility provides. The town and county shared the honour of completing construction of the finest fire hall in the area, while the chamber of commerce not only completed their EcoCentre, but saw it become part of a Lakeland College alternative energy program, and the Christian Community Church used mostly volunteer labour to turn the former fire hall into their new church.

All of these projects involved partnerships, proving, that working together accomplishes amazing results.

Way Back When...

Missing 'I', skating Santa, sidetracked shepherd

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of Dec. 28 in....

1985

A letter 'I' gone on vacation from the traditional 'Merry Christmas!' greeting and in danger of being replaced by the exclamation point from the end of the phrase, a marvelously evil Grinch who was convinced by eight third graders to join the celebration, and even old Father Time, who wandered to and fro with a 'time passes' placard were part of Elk Point Elementary School's giant Christmas concert. Retiring school secretary Margaret Modin and longtime school trustee John Zenko were honoured at F. G. Miller's Christmas brunch.

1990

Pioneer Circle seniors received a pleasant surprise in the form of a $1,000 cheque from Suncor Incorporated Oilsands Group, presented by retired Suncor employee Dan Demchuk, a nice addition to the seniors' nest egg for a new hall. Reo and Janice VanMaarion, Pauline Pankiw and Dave's Pizza were the first prize winners in the chamber of commerce lighting and decorating contest.

1995

All was calm and bright at the Didow home on Circle Drive with its award winning light display, while a one-horse open sleigh, complete with a load of toys and a team of reindeer was ready for Santa to take off from the Cole home on 51 Ave., third prize going to Walter and Marie Lesyk. Town council announced that a special meeting had been called to discuss the role of FCSS in the community.

2000

Stars and rock'n'rollers shone at the first of two concerts at Elk Point Elementary School, while later that evening, Santa showed up at A. G. Ross Arena and took to the ice with the Elk Point Figure Skating Club at their final session before the Christmas break. Tourism operators and community leaders in the area were glad to hear that the Heart of the Lakeland Tourist Association would not close its doors, but instead would be working on a business plan to get on track.

2005

A mystery involving a sidetracked shepherd, ending up at Caesar's palace instead of back with the sheep because he was so excited about the news of Jesus' birth that he took a wrong turn, and Santa taking on his hero, Wayne Greatskate, in a hockey game were the themes of capacity-crowd concerts at Elk Point Elementary School. Nemesio Tuliao took his second annual first prize in the Christmas lighting and decorating contest.

Guest Column

Leftovers

deanna EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

Now that Christmas is over, some of you may have a few leftovers from your Christmas Dinner. Just in case you served sweet potatoes, I found an interesting recipe that you could use. It is called **"Sweet Potato Pound Cake".** It makes two 12-slice loaves and it comes shared from Kat Green of Marietta, Georgia.

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed light-brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups leftover mashed sweet potatoes
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 325°F. Grease two 9-inch loaf pans with baking spray. In a medium bowl, sift next six ingredients. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer on medium, cream butter, sugars, and vanilla until light and fluffy. Blend in sweet potatoes, then eggs, one at a time. With mixer on low, add flour mixture in thirds; combine just enough to blend. Spoon batter evenly into prepared pans. Sprinkle pecans over batter. Bake until cakes test clean when a skewer is inserted into centers, 70 to 80 minutes. Cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove cakes from pans and cool completely on wire rack.

Speaking of leftovers and thinking about making New Year's Resolutions, will some of you be making a resolution that is leftover from last year because you weren't able to keep it this year? Oh my, there is the word - leftovers again!

The popular tradition of making New Year's resolutions has origins in Ancient Babylon and Rome. The first recorded New Years resolutions were made by the Babylonians around 4000 years ago.

Most commonly, it revolved around returning any borrowed farm equipment, as their New Year coincided with the start of their farming season. Not long after, the Romans would start the new year by counting the stock of the previous year and setting a goal to accomplish more in the coming year.

Today we make New Year's Resolutions to try to improve some aspect of ourselves in the coming year. So there you go! Hence, since we are not always successful in trying to improve, the resolution becomes a leftover for next year where we try again.

But whether or not your New Year's Resolutions are leftovers or new ones, New Year's Eve will be arriving this coming Friday. So to one and all may 2011 bring in the best to you as we sing "Auld Land Syne"

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne.
CHORUS":
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne!

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Links create a chain of love

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"Alpha and Omega," the next link, is from the Greek language, the beginning and the end. The adult students who brought this message forward noted that, "babies bring joy to our lives" and that in the case of Jesus, "The end of His life was just a beginning."

Kerry Anderson sang a beautiful solo, "Prince of Peace."

Pastor Jim MacLellan added the final message as the final link, "Redeemer," closed the gap in the chain. "The resurrection proved that what He said was true," a message of hope for old and young. The completed chain "is a reminder that He came to us for a purpose," the Pastor concluded.

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Weight: 7 lbs. 8 oz. Height: 20"
Daughter of Brandi & Lyndon Krankowski

Warren Onyx Berg
Date of Birth: August 27, 2010
Weight: 5 lbs. 4 oz.
Son of Dean & Melanie Berg

Ellyre Rose de Moissac
Date of Birth: June 28, 2010
Weight: 8 lbs. 6 oz.
Daughter of Jacques & Felina de Moissac

Lexxy Jayde Szakacs
Date of Birth: July 12, 2010
Weight: 9 lbs. Height: 21"
Daughter of Danny & Jelayne Szakacs

Stella Grace Charlene Purdy
Date of Birth: December 27, 2009
Weight: 8 lbs. ¾ oz. Height: 20 ½"
Daughter of Terina & James Purdy

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Weight: 7 lbs. 15 oz. Height: 21"
Son of Ian & Ruby Kozicky

Jaxon Bruce Smith
Date of Birth: July 13, 2010
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Height: 22"
Son of Shane & Jodi Smith

Sadie Anne Pankiw
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Daughter of Leeann & Rocky Pankiw

Connor Micheal Ross Wandler
Date of Birth: December 8, 2010
Weight: 7 lbs. 7 oz. Height: 20"
Son of Lacy Wandler & Wacey Durocher

Weekend of win and two losses for Atom Avalanche

By Rodney Graus
Review Contributor

The Atom Avalanche were busy with a win and two losses on the pre-Christmas weekend. The boys did great but were fighting the flu which has been going around. We began Friday evening with a late game against Lac La Biche which saw Elk Point winning with a final score of 8 to 2. Alex Hunter started off the scoring early in the game with two more goals from Brody Odgaard and Angus McFarlane both assisted by Leon Cueva to end the first period at a score of 3 to 1. The boys scored four more in the second, Brody assisted by Carson Ference, Alex unassisted, Kaiden Evans-Anderson assisted by Alex and Alex assisted by Leon. Lac La Biche was able to put one more goal on the board in the second. Garret McGillvary did an superb job in net. The only goal in the third was by Angus assisted by Brody.

Saturday saw a disappointing loss to Mallaig. Elk Point could not hold onto the 5 to 1 lead they held after the second period. Brody Odgaard put Elk Point on the score board at the half way point of the first period. Alex Hunter made a break to make it 2 to 1 to end the first period. In the second period, a goal from Brody assisted by Leon and unassisted goals from Carson and Brody. Nathaniel Roberts played net and kept Mallaig off the scoreboard in the second. The third period was all Mallaig scoring four quick goals to tie the game. It was a disappointing loss as Mallaig scored in the last minute of the game to take the win. The final score was Mallaig 6, Elk Point 5.

Sunday was an early morning game in Lloydminister and another disappointing 6 to 5 loss. The boys on recovery from the flu played a strong game. Dustin Pankiw did a awesome job in net. We were short 3 players leaving our defence down to four seeing lots of ice time. On defence Taylor Pankiw, Carson and Warren Ference and Cyle Graus did a fantastic job. It was a close game all the way through. After the first period it was Elk Point leading 3 to 2 with goals from Alex - unassisted , Brody unassisted and Garret assisted by Alex. A second period goal by Alex made the score 4 to 3 going into the third period. Alex scored again in the third but Lloyd scored three in the third to take the win.

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Several presentations followed the meal.

Lindon Nelson presented Elk Point Community Lions member Sandie Bishop with a cart of donations from the students, to be included in the Santas Anonymous hampers.

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